Neighborhood News

June Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley led the June meeting. Mary Ellen Shiels of the Bureau of Health gave an informative talk, "Skin Cancer Prevention and Early Detection." Ms. Shiels' presentation included photos of the different types of skin cancers, an opportunity to view our own faces under a special light that highlights sun damage, and most importantly, advice on how to protect ourselves from damage from the sun:



Try to stay out of the sun between 10 am and 4 pm. Use a sunblock with SPF of 15 or more.

Look for a sunblock that is water/sweatproof and protects from both UVA and UVB rays.

Cover up with long sleeves/pants.

Do a monthly self-exam of your skin (all over). If you see any area that looks questionable, see your family doctor.

Safety Tips with Fireworks

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends following these fireworks safety tips:

- Never allow young children to play with fireworks.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Avoid buying fireworks that come in brown paper packaging, as this is
 often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and
 could pose a danger to consumers.
- Adults should always supervise fireworks activities. Parents often don't realize that sparklers have caused more injuries to children under age five than any other type of firework. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework device when lighting the fuse. Move back a safe distance immediately after lighting.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Douse and soak with water and throw them away.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light one item at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

Crime Reports

Our Community Watch receives a crime report giving the date, time, location, and type of incident. These reports include crimes such as theft, suspicious motor vehicle, burglary, or suspicious activity. Nuisance crimes and crimes like carrying open alcohol or underage drinking do not appear on this list. The location is given by block only. At press time, there were no reports available. Check future newsletters for updates.



Note: There is no July meeting

Our next meeting: Wednesday, August 12 7:00 P.M

Christ E.C. Church 2135 Tilghman St.

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7P.M. at Christ E. C. Church 2135 Tilghman St., Lower Level

We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!

Future Meeting: Wednesday, September 9

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Got Lights?

Installing floodlight outside your house is one of the best ways to discourage criminals.

If you have graffiti on your property, contact the Graffiti Busters at 610 437-8729 for FREE removal or to notify the city that you'll remove it yourself. Forms for requesting this free service are available at our meetings. If you see graffiti in progress, dial 9-1-1. To report graffiti after it's been done, call the Police non-emergency number, 610 437-7751.



Phone Numbers to Know

City Information Desk 610 439-5999

Code Enforcement 610 437-7661

Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.

Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610 437-7773

Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719

Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-

Emergency Medical Services (non-emergency) 610 437-7751

Garbage Complaints (except recycling) 610 437-7759 Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729

Graffiti in Progress 9-1-1

Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697

Leaf Pickup 610 437-7587

Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751*

Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695

Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639

Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751

SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610 437-8729

Weeds Grass Overgrowth 610 437-7604

Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729

Zoning 610 437-7630

* When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of I the neighborhood is considered "disruptive conduct."